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A Look Back At FIPA, And Selling Sovereignty To China

International Trade
Oral Questions

September 22nd, 2014 / 2:45 p.m.

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Erin O'Toole Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade

Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome my friend back to the House. I remind him that in June he stood in this place and asked why the government had not moved forward on this important FIPA with China. We have, and now he is still complaining once again. On CBC on the weekend, he was spreading myths about this FIPA.

The "P" in FIPA is for protection. This is about protecting Canadian exporters who are selling into that market, and it is the 30th FIPA Canada has signed over 20 years. This is good for our exporters. It is good for jobs.

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Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the member for that question. While she and her colleagues are surfing Facebook in their constituency weeks, our members are meeting with employers and meeting with the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters association. These are job creators in our country who have been asking for legal certainty in their dealings with China. They are selling in that country, and this FIPA will give our employers certainty in dealing with China.

The NDP should get offline and get meeting our employers across the country.

International Trade
Oral Questions

September 19th, 2014 / 11:55 a.m.

Durham
Ontario

Conservative

Erin O'Toole Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the member for that question, but as the member knows well, China is the second-largest economy in the world. Canadian exporters are selling to and dealing with that country on a daily basis, and the jobs created from that account for one in five jobs in Canada.

Canadian exporters have been asking for protection. The *P* in FIPA stands for "protection". This will give these companies certainty in their contractual dealings in China. It is levelling the playing field, because Chinese companies already have such protections and certainty in Canadian courts. This is about securing that certainty for our exporting sector.

International Trade
Oral Questions

June 11th, 2014 / 2:50 p.m.

Durham
Ontario

Conservative

Erin O'Toole Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade

Mr. Speaker, as the member well knows, the FIPA with China will give a lot of Canadian exporters and companies many of the same protections that Chinese operators in Canada already have. It is about evening and leveling the playing field, helping one in five jobs attributable to trade continue. As for the court case, we will not comment on that at this time.

International Trade
Adjournment Proceedings

March 5th, 2014 / 7:20 p.m.

Conservative

Erin O'Toole Durham, ON

Mr. Speaker, it is late in the evening here in this place, but I am optimistic because the member did focus on our growing trade with Asia. Specifically, he mentioned China. I take that as a sign that perhaps my friend will talk to his colleagues about the importance of foreign investment protection and promotion agreements that secure legal certainty and rights for Canadian exporters in parts of the world where such rights do not yet exist. A FIPA with China would provide Canadian employers, people who employ people in his riding and mine, some certainty.

I am optimistic that the hon. member is turning the page with his caucus and that they will support the foreign investment protection and promotion agreement with China when it comes due.

The European Union's ambassador to Canada highlighted the exceptional amount of sector and regional overview that we have provided on the European trade deal, saying that she uses our materials to talk about the agreement.

I hope to see my colleague tomorrow as we get an update from departmental officials on the trans-Pacific partnership discussions.

Erin O'Toole was a Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Trade in 2014. It's clear from these quotes that he doesn't see a problem selling out Canada's sovereignty to China with

the Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (FIPA). In fact, he glosses over just how bad this arrangement really is. All of the Conservatives did.

https://openparliament.ca/debates/2014/9/22/erin-otoole-1/

1. Other "Conservatives" Support FIPA

Opposition Motion—Canada-China Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement
Business of Supply
Government Orders

April 18th, 2013 / 1:15 p.m.

Conservative

Ron Cannan Kelowna—Lake Country, BC

Mr. Speaker, the **Prime Minister** and President Obama worked together on regulatory reform to find ways to move goods and services efficiently across not only our borders but around the world. These investments are positioning Canada as the gateway of choice between Asia and North America. Canada's west coast ports are more than two days closer, so it is helping to expand that market.

Since 2006, our government has invested $1.4 billion in Asia-Pacific Gateway infrastructure projects, an amount that has been leveraged to almost $4 billion with the participation of provincial and municipal governments and the private sector. It is a true partnership. A total of almost 50 projects have been supported, creating jobs and economic growth in local communities, while easing the movement of goods, services and people to and from the fast-growing Asia-Pacific economies.

As I mentioned earlier, the NDP and its special interest allies have gone to great lengths in the past and today in the House to spread misinformation about this agreement. Let me categorically state what the agreement does not do. First, the agreement does not hinder Canada's ability to regulate and legislate in areas such as the environment, culture, safety, health and conservation. On top of that, provisions in the agreement will preserve Canada's current ability to review foreign investments under the Investment Canada Act to ensure that they provide a net benefit to Canadians and that our national security is not compromised. Let there be no doubt that under this treaty, Chinese investors in Canada must obey all the laws and regulations of Canada, just as any Canadian must.

In short, the Canada-China foreign investment promotion and protection agreement is similar to other investment treaties Canada has signed with key trade and investment partners. We join countries such as New Zealand, Germany, the Netherlands and Japan that have all signed investment treaties with China on terms that are similar to, or in many cases less favourable than, the terms Canada has been able to negotiate with China. Once again, I give full marks to our senior public servants and the trade commissions negotiating this very good FIPA.

https://openparliament.ca/debates/2013/4/18/ron-cannan-3/

Opposition Motion—Canada-China Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement
Business of Supply
Government Orders

April 18th, 2013 / 1:30 p.m.

Conservative

Rob Merrifield Yellowhead, AB

Mr. Speaker, I listened to my hon. colleague and I listened to the comments of my colleagues across the way with regard to this FIPA, which really does protect and level the playing field between China and Canada.

It is interesting. When we were in Japan as a committee, and the last two colleagues who spoke were there, we asked Japan if it had a FIPA with China. Japan is China's largest trading partner, much larger than Canada, much larger than America. It said that it did not. We asked if it would sign a FIPA and it said it would love to, which would level the playing field and give protection for the Japanese in China and for Japanese investment. Has Japan been compromised with some of the investments in China? Yes, it has but it continues to work. Japan would love to have a FIPA that would allow it that protection that China has offered through this FIPA with Canada.

My hon. colleague was on the trip with us to Japan. Would he see this as a good thing not only for Canada but also for Japan?

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International Trade
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June 5th, 2014 / midnight

Newmarket—Aurora
Ontario

Conservative

Lois Brown Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development

Mr. Speaker, deepening Canada's trade and investment ties with the largest, most dynamic, and fastest growing markets in the world, such as China, is a central feature of the government's pro-trade plan for creating jobs, growth, and long-term prosperity.

By improving access to foreign markets for Canadian businesses, this government is supporting economic growth and creating new opportunities for Canadian companies and investors.

The Canada-China foreign investment promotion and protection agreement is a high-standard agreement and a tangible demonstration of our commitment to help Canadian businesses compete on a level playing field in markets abroad.

In terms of its commitments, this agreement includes reciprocal obligations related to non-discrimination, a minimum standard of treatment under international law, expropriation, free movement of capital, and performance requirements, among others.

This agreement with China is very similar to the 27 FIPAs Canada currently has in force.

This reciprocal agreement establishes a clear set of rules under which investments are made and under which investment disputes are resolved.

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International Trade
Oral Questions

April 18th, 2013 / 2:20 p.m.

Port Moody—Westwood—Port Coquitlam
B.C.

Conservative

James Moore Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages

Mr. Speaker, my colleague is referring to the Canada-China FIPA, which is designed to protect the interests of Canadians who want to make investments in China.

The purpose of this agreement is to protect Canadians and their interests. That is what we are doing.

The NDP does not seem to understand what these agreements do, which is protect the interests of Canadians who are doing business in China.

New Democrats made the exact same criticisms about FTA and NAFTA, and chapter 11 of NAFTA. They were wrong. That protected the interests of Canadians doing business in the United States.

What the Canada-China FIPA agreement does is protect the interests of Canadians doing business in China. This is about protecting Canada. The hon. member should stand up for it.

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Opposition Motion—Canada-China Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement
Business of Supply
Government Orders

April 18th, 2013 / 11:10 a.m.

Conservative

Michael Chong Wellington—Halton Hills, ON

Mr. Speaker, I have been listening to this debate, not just in the House but for the last number of months with a great deal of interest and puzzlement.

Since 2006, 14 foreign promotion and protection agreements have been concluded or brought into force by this government. Between 1990 and 2006, some 10 foreign promotion and protection agreements were brought into force. In other words, since 1990, some 24 FIPA agreements have been concluded or brought into force. The Canada-China FIPA agreement is similar to those 24 other FIPA agreements negotiated since 1990. It contains the same or similar core standard obligations as in these 24 other agreements. It contains rights and obligations that apply equally to both Canada and China.

In light of these facts, my question is this. Why is this FIPA such a concern? If this FIPA is similar to the other 24 FIPAs, what is motivating all the concern about this Canada-China foreign promotion and protection agreement? Is this a form of dog whistle politics that is going on here? What is motivating all the concern about this agreement in light of the fact that it is so similar to the other 24 agreements?

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2. Quotes From FIPA Agreement

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Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the People's Republic of China for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments

The Government of Canada and the Government of the People's Republic of China (the "Contracting Parties"),

Recognizing the need to promote investment based on the principles of sustainable development;

Desiring to intensify the economic cooperation of both States, based on equality and mutual benefit;

Have agreed as follows:

Part A

Article 5

Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment

1. Each Contracting Party shall accord to investors of the other Contracting Party ***treatment no less favourable than that it accords, in like circumstances***, to investors of a non-Contracting Party with respect to the establishment, acquisition, expansion, management, conduct, operation and sale or other disposition of investments in its territory.

2. Each Contracting Party ***shall accord to covered investments treatment no less favourable than that it accords, in like circumstances***, to investments of investors of a non-Contracting Party with respect to the establishment, acquisition, expansion, management, conduct, operation and sale or other disposition of investments in its territory.

3. For greater certainty, the "treatment" referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article does not encompass the dispute resolution mechanisms, such as those in Part C, in other international investment treaties and other trade agreements.

Article 6

National Treatment

1. Each Contracting Party shall accord to investors of the ***other Contracting Party treatment no less favourable than that it accords, in like circumstances, to its own investors*** with respect to the expansion, management, conduct, operation and sale or

other disposition of investments in its territory.
2. Each Contracting Party ***shall accord to covered investments treatment no less favourable than that it accords, in like circumstances, to investments of its own investors*** with respect to the expansion, management, conduct, operation and sale or other disposition of investments in its territory.
3. The concept of "expansion" in this Article applies only with respect to sectors not subject to a prior approval process under the relevant sectoral guidelines and applicable laws, regulations and rules in force at the time of expansion. The expansion may be subject to prescribed formalities and other information requirements.

Article 11
Compensation for Losses
Investors of one Contracting Party ***who suffer losses in respect of covered investments owing to war, a state of national emergency, insurrection, riot or other similar events, shall be accorded treatment by the other Contracting Party***, in respect of restitution, indemnification, compensation or other settlement, no less favourable than it accords in like circumstances, to its own investors or to investors of any third State.

Local laws — environmental protection, for example — which are seen as harmful and detrimental to business interests will be considered grounds to submit a claim for compensation.

Article 23
Consent to Arbitration
Each Contracting Party ***consents to the submission of a claim to arbitration in accordance with the procedures set out in this Agreement***. Failure to meet any of the conditions precedent provided for in Article 21 shall nullify that consent.

Disputes won't be heard in any open or transparent way. Instead arbitration that is largely secret will be resolving disputes.

Article 35
Entry into Force and Termination
1. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other through diplomatic channels that they

have completed the internal legal procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the following month after the second notification is received, ***and shall remain in force for a period of at least fifteen years***.

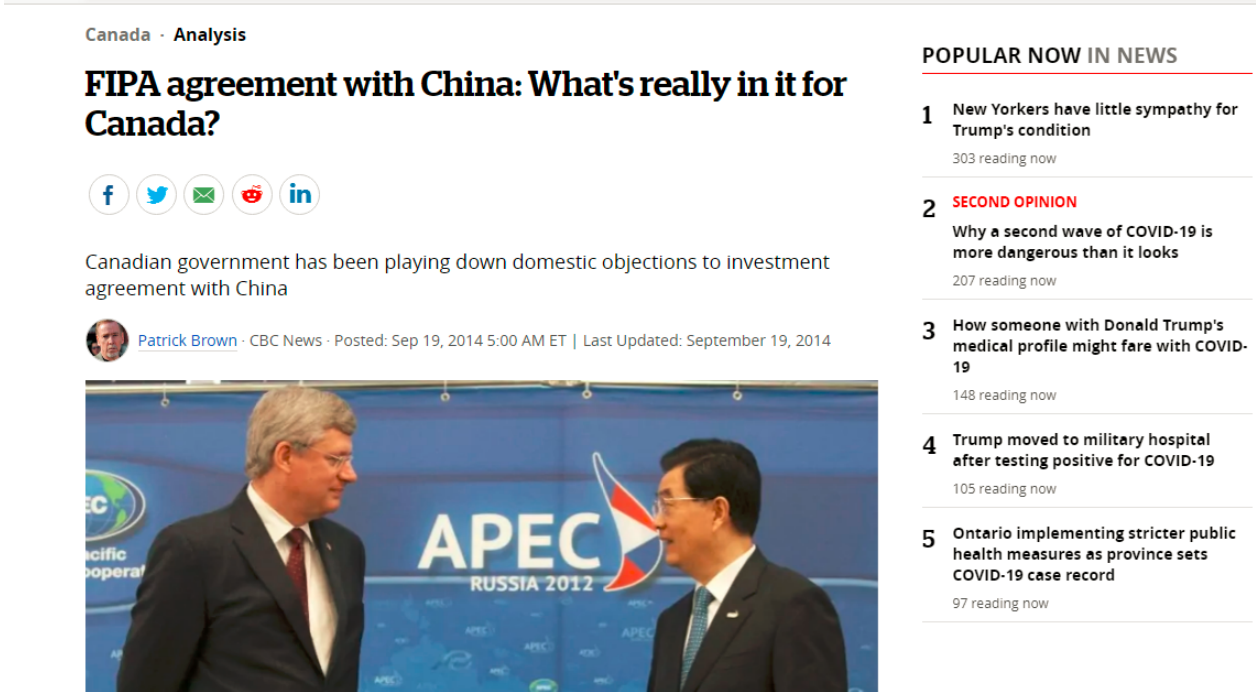
2. After the expiration of the initial fifteen-year period, this Agreement shall continue to be in force. Either Contracting Party may at any time thereafter terminate this Agreement. ***The termination will be effective one year after notice of termination has been received by the other Contracting Party.***

3. With respect to investments made prior to the date of termination of this Agreement, ***Articles 1 to 34, as well as paragraph 4 of this Article, shall continue to be effective for an additional fifteen-year period from the date of termination.***

4. The Annexes and footnotes to this Agreement constitute integral parts of this Agreement.

So the agreement itself lasts for at least 15 years. Then, we are required to give a 1 year notice, at which time, Articles 1 to 34 will lapse in another 15 years. All in all, this agreement will then last a minimum of 31 years. This is an entire generation away from being able to really terminate.

3. What Is Canada Getting With FIPA?



The ***secrecy shrouding the much-delayed*** Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (FIPA) with China makes it hard for experts, let alone average Canadians, ***to figure out what benefits this country*** will see from the deal.

-Canadian governments are ***locked in for a generation***. If Canada finds the deal unsatisfactory, it ***cannot be cancelled completely for 31 years***.
-China benefits much more than Canada, because of a clause allowing existing restrictions in each country to stay in place. Chinese companies get to play on a relatively level field in Canada, while maintaining wildly arbitrary practices and rules for Canadian companies in China.
-Chinese companies will be able to ***seek redress against any laws passed by any level of government in Canada which threaten their profits***. Australia has decided not to enter FIPA agreements specifically because they allow powerful corporations to challenge legislation on social, environmental and economic issues. —-Chinese companies investing heavily in Canadian energy ***will be able seek billions in compensation if their projects are hampered by provincial laws*** on issues such as environmental concerns or First Nations rights, for example.
-Cases will be decided by a panel of ***professional arbitrators, and may be kept secret at the discretion of the sued party***. This extraordinary provision reflects an aversion to transparency and public debate common to the Harper cabinet and the Chinese politburo.
–***Differences between FIPA and the North American Free Trade Agreement may offer intriguing loopholes*** for American lawyers to argue for equal treatment under the ***principle of Most Favoured Nation.***

The CBC covered the story and raised several legitimate concerns over this deal. Secrecy aside, it's difficult to see what (if any) real benefits Canada gets from it.

4. China Buying Up Assets Across Canada

This is too long to do justice here, but Canadian laws make it easy for foreigners to buy property in Canada. This applies regardless of whether they live here, or even intend to. The Chinese in particular are taking full advantage of that.

5. Putting China Over Canadians

November 7th, 2006 / 4:30 p.m.

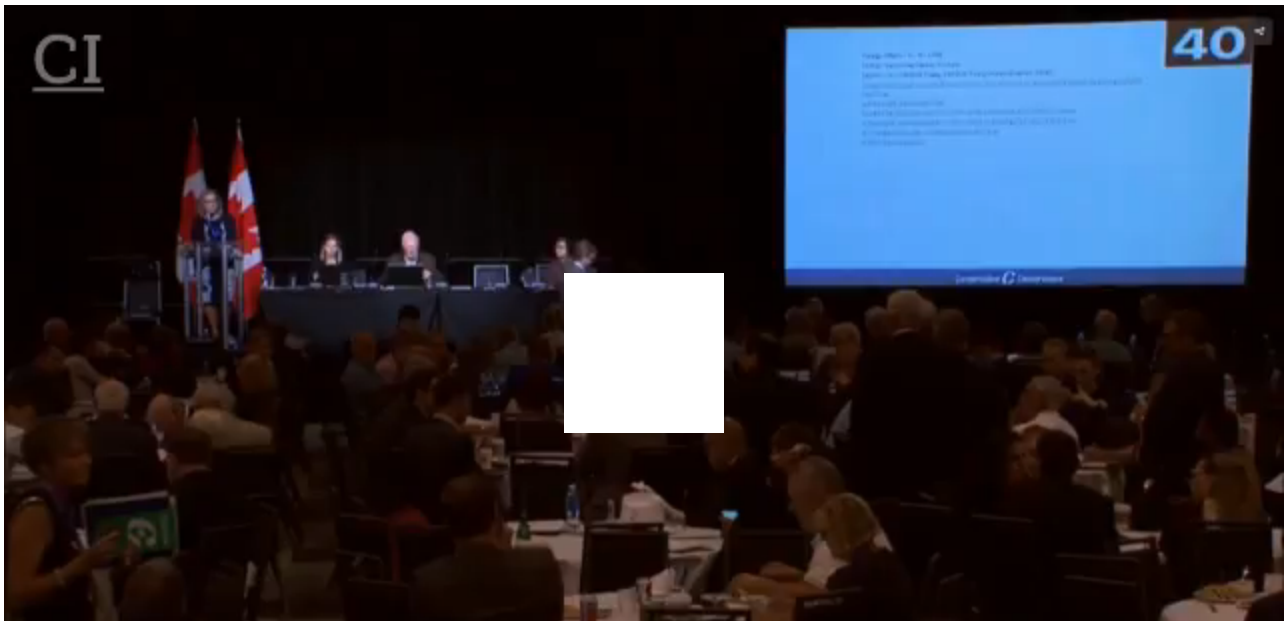
Conservative

Maxime Bernier Beauce, QC

I was talking about businesses and about the textile industry. Some have recommended that the government raise tariffs to counter textile imports from China. After analyzing that suggestion, we have come to the conclusion that, if we raise tariffs on Chinese imports for the textile industry, other countries, such as Bangladesh or Sri Lanka, will also export their products to Canada. We have to study this issue in an overall context. Does the government want Canadians to pay more for their clothing? Imposing tariffs has an impact on prices. You have to look at the other side of the coin. We're looking out for the interests of the industry and of all Canadians at the same time. We're enabling the textile industry and other industries to have their money, to keep it in their pockets, by reducing their taxes and reinvesting. We want Canadians to have access to the largest possible number of products from around the world, at the best possible price—

This isn't really related to FIPA, but still good to point out: even so-called "populists" can be globalist shills. Here is no different. How does making it easier to import cheap Chinese products keep industries and jobs in Canada? However, China has more freedom and less government in recent decades.

6. CANZUK To Counter Chinese Influence?



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We believe that the Government of Canada should re-establish the Office of Religious Freedom in order to promote the universal right of religious freedom internationally and to advocate for persecuted religious minorities around the world.

152. CANZUK Treaty. CANZUK Treaty Implementation

Subject to thorough security & health checks, CPC will work to realize these objectives among CANZUK countries:

a) Free trade in goods/services

b) Visa-free labour/leisure mobility for citizens, including retirement relocation
Reciprocal healthcare agreement modeled on existing AU / NZ / UK bilaterals

c) Increased consumer choice/protection for travel

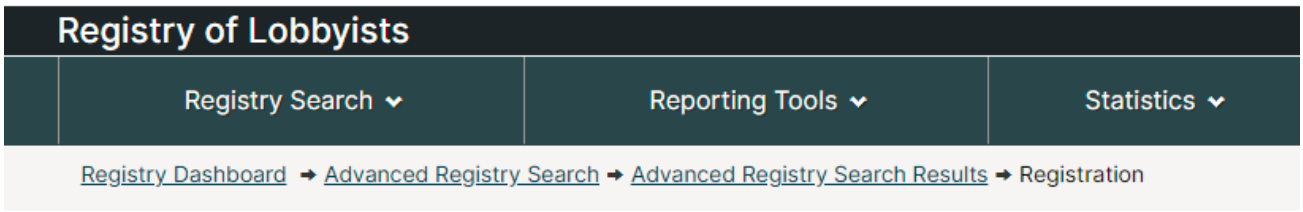
d) Security coordination

CPC Policy Declaration August 2018

Have to love the mental gymnastics here. CPC Leader Erin O'Toole spoke in support of CANZUK in the 2018 Policy Convention. He explicitly stated he wanted to "let more and

more countries" into the agreement. Fast forward 2 years, and he wants to accelerate CANZUK to stop the growing Chinese influence ….. that he supported in 2014. Way to be consistent.

7. Can O'Toole/CPC Actually Be Trusted?



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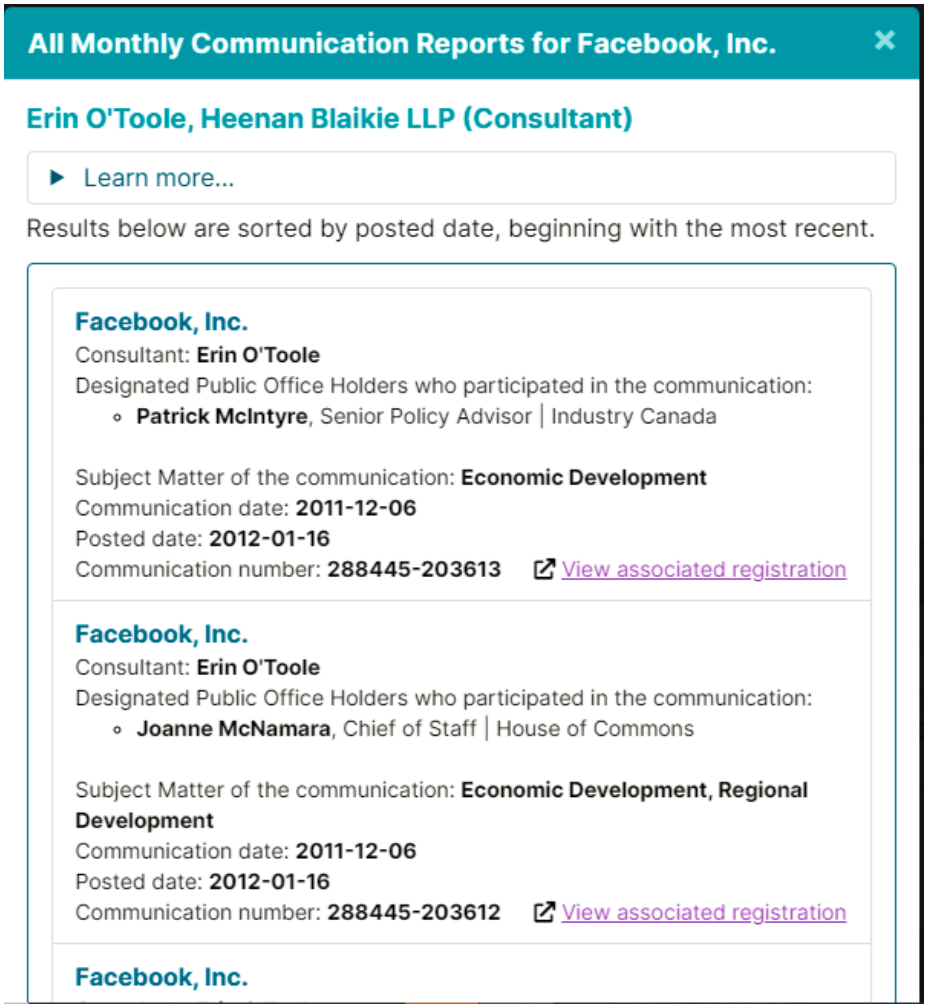

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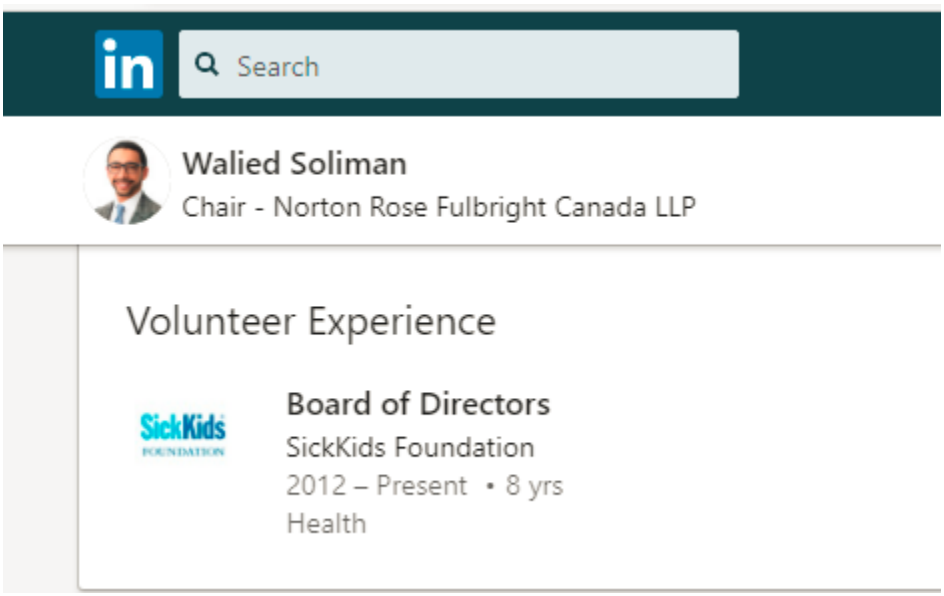
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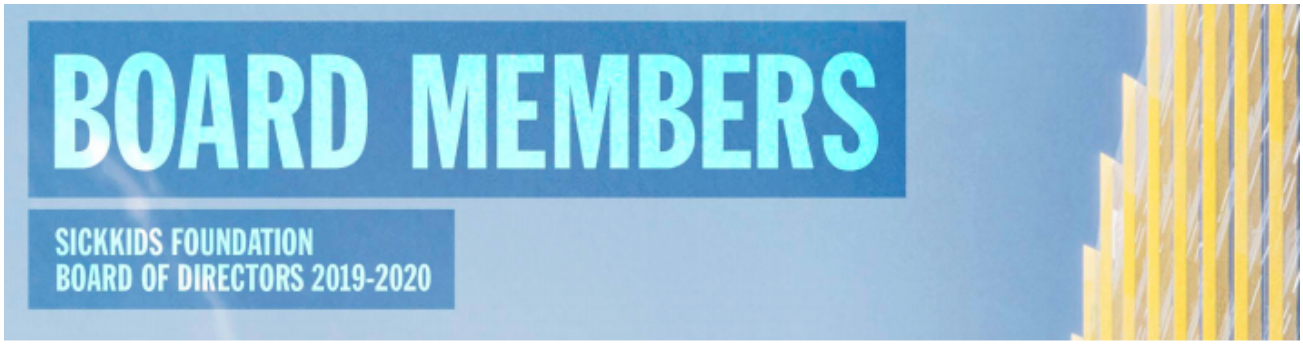

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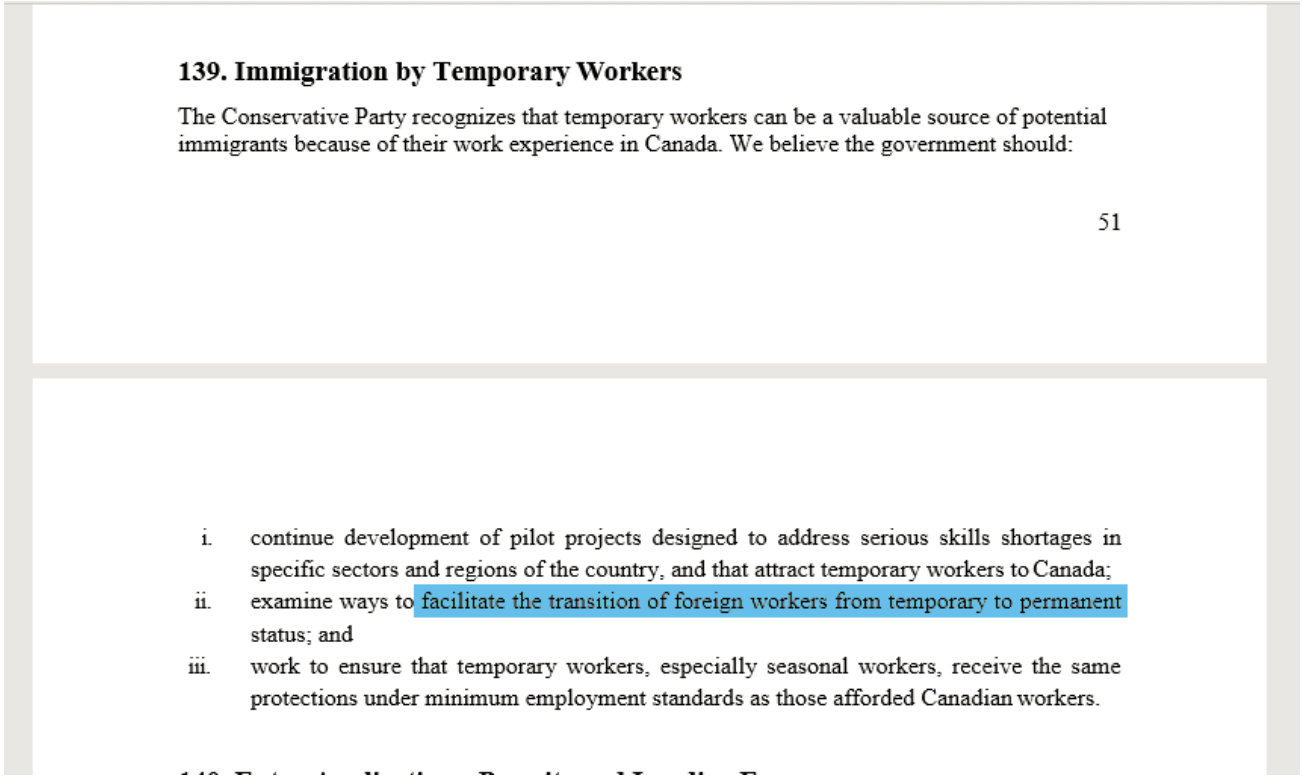

139. Immigration by Temporary Workers

The Conservative Party recognizes that temporary workers can be a valuable source of potential immigrants because of their work experience in Canada. We believe the government should:

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i. continue development of pilot projects designed to address serious skills shortages in specific sectors and regions of the country, and that attract temporary workers to Canada;
ii. examine ways to facilitate the transition of foreign workers from temporary to permanent status; and
iii. work to ensure that temporary workers, especially seasonal workers, receive the same protections under minimum employment standards as those afforded Canadian workers.

How can anyone trust Erin O'Toole?

(a) He has no qualms about selling sovereignty to China.

(b) He supports CANZUK — and expanding the zone.

(c) CANZUK is now just a way to counter China, who is still here.

(d) Heenan Blaikie was Trudeau Sr.'s and Chretien's old law firm.

(e) He is an ex-Facebook lobbyist.

(f) He openly shills for foreign powers like Israel.

(g) He supports even more draconian measures than Trudeau.

(h) His Chief of Staff is a Director at Sick Kids Hospital.

(i) CPC supports the temp-to-PR pipeline.

8. Objection To FIPA Pushed, No Real Debate

(Former) NDP And Official Oppositio…

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See here, here and here for original source material. There were people who opposed the sellout by the Conservatives.

9. Conservative Politicians Are Globalists

One would think that “conserving” in the sense of trade meant protecting local industries, and protecting communities from having major employers shipped overseas.

However, that is not the case. What passes for conservatism is really just “corporatism”, putting those interests over that of the local population. There are far more important things than stock prices and overall profits.

Ask them to “conserve” the makeup, culture, language, traditions, or heritage of a country, and that’s being racist. After all, Canada is make up of abstract values (that few can agree on), not any sort of identity.

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